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Dear Colleague

Immunology Service Disruption – Delay to Autoimmunity Test Requests

Unfortunately we have been experiencing technical issues with our main autoimmunity analyser which has resulted in prolonged downtime. We are working closely with our Managed Service Contract provider to try to resolve these issues.

This will affect the following assays, and any subsequent reflex tests:

- **Tissue Transglutaminase Antibodies (IgA tTG)**
- **Tissue Transglutaminase Antibodies (IgG tTG)**
- **Cyclic citrullinated (CCP) Antibodies**
- **Extractable Nuclear Antigens (ENA) Antibodies**
- **dsDNA Antibodies**

Due to the high volume of IgA tTG requests, we will be enacting our contingency plans to send these to another UKAS accredited laboratory for analysis. This will include IgG tTG if required. Reports will indicate that the sample was analysed at another laboratory.

All other samples will be stored according to manufacturer's recommendations and analysed as soon as the problems are resolved.

I apologise for the delays which may be associated with this and I will keep you informed with our progress to resume normal service. Please do not hesitate to call if you require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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